



**Election of Sheriffs for The City of London
on 24th June 2003**
Candidature of Geoffrey Charles Bond, DL, B.Sc(Econ)
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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Encouraged by many friends in the Livery and the City and supported by the Master, Wardens and Court of The Worshipful Company of Glaziers & Painters of Glass, I offer myself as a candidate for the high office of Sheriff at the election to be held in Common Hall at Guildhall on 24th June 2003 at TWELVE NOON. I hope that you will use one of your two votes in support of me and the other in support of Alderman Nicholas Anstee.

Born in Newark, Nottinghamshire in 1939, I was educated at the Becket School, Nottingham and the University of Hull. My first job was in the City with Baring Bros, leaving to become a Solicitor in 1969 and in 1973 becoming a Partner in Ashton Hill & Co and Senior Partner in 1985, specialising in aviation and later in Trust law. I have been a Director of various Companies including several in the media developing a parallel career in broadcasting on antiques and heritage. I set up my own Consultancy in 1996 specialising in heritage education work.

I was Master Glazier (1997/98) and am a Freeman of the Guild of Educators, a committee member of St John Ambulance City of London Centre, and a member of The Bridge Ward Club, The Royal Society of St George City of London Branch, The Guild of Freemen of the City of London, The City Livery Club and The Friends of the Guildhall Art Gallery.

Over many years I have assisted various charities and chaired successful fundraising committees. I am Deputy Chairman of The National Museum of Law and The National Centre for Citizenship & the Law, helping young people understand the law. I am on the Board of the Group for Education in Museums and have used my position as Chairman of the Byron Society to help young people appreciate the need for democratic freedom. I am Honorary Solicitor to a number of fine art and decorative arts organisations.

I have been Honorary Consul for Norway for over 23 years and in conjunction with the Bridge Ward Club have helped to set up The Norwegian Business Scholars Trust. The Trust enables a young student from the Norwegian School of Business BI, Oslo, to work with a City Institution prior to studying at the Cass Business School City University.

My other interests include music, stained glass, gardening, rowing rugby football and writing and lecturing about antiques.

My wife Dianora is a Freeman of the City and has run her private physiotherapy practice for over 25 years. She is very interested in music and charity work and has given me her wholehearted support as have our daughter Charlotte and son Charles who works in the City and is a Liveryman.

As a Past Master of a long established Livery Company, being used to public service, working abroad and with a great deal of experience in radio and television I wish to help the City maintain its role as a global leader. If you do me the honour of electing me Sheriff my support for the Lord Mayor in his worldwide role will be to the utmost of my ability.

I have the honour to be, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

Geoffrey Bond
Citizen and Glazier